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National Extension Service Scheme in Tiruvallur taluk.

* 1427 *Q.*—SRI V. GOVINDASWAMI NAIDU (on behalf of Sri M. Dharmalingam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of works taken up for execution under National Extension Schemes in Tiruvallur taluk during the year 1953–54; and

(*b*) the number of works left over for want of contribution?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Fifty.

" (*b*) Two."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Have the Government any proposals for implementing protected water-supply . . . ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are in question No. 1427."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" For the fifty works that have been taken up under the National Extension Service, did the villagers contribute the 50 per cent that was prescribed by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The villagers did contribute, but the 50 per cent is not invariably insisted upon."

Public holiday on the birth-day of Sri Narayana Guru Dev.

* 1428 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to declare the birth-day of Sri Narayana Guru Dev as a public holiday throughout the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

(The hon. Member Sri Gopalakrishnan stood up in his seat to put a supplementary question.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" There is one non-official Resolution before the House and I have given enough time for it. I do not think there is necessity for putting supplementaries on this question now. I think the matter will be taken up at the next non-official day."

Labour dispute in Mettur Industries.

* 1429 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report of the Conciliation Officer regarding the dispute over the bonus for the year 1953–54 between the Mettur Industries and their workers;

(*b*) the further steps taken by the Government to settle the dispute; and

(*c*) whether the Government consulted the Union of workers regarding the settlement of the dispute?